



Seth Foldy, MD
Commissioner of Health

Bevan K. Baker
Health Operations Director

Health Department Administration

Frank P. Zeidler Municipal Building
Phone 414.286.3521

841 North Broadway, 3rd Floor
Fax 414.286.5990

Milwaukee, WI 53202
www.milwaukee.gov

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release May 2, 2002

For more information, contact Sadhna Morato-Lindvall, 286-3175

Parents “Head to Court” for Immunization Negligence ***Milwaukee County District Attorney Sends close to 10,000 Letters to Parents of children with Delinquent Immunization Records.***

The City of Milwaukee Health Department and Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office are cracking down on reducing the number of school-aged children with delinquent immunization records. On Thursday, Keenan Health Center’s auditorium will briefly turn into a “court” for parents of children who do not have up-to-date with their immunization records.

Since January, close to 10,000 households received at least one legal notice from the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s office. This notice informs parents/guardians that their child’s immunization records for school are not compliant with state law. Adults who have still not complied since receiving this notice are now scheduled to attend “Keenan Court”. For close to 20 years, “Keenan Court” has been a “last chance” for parents to update their children’s immunization record, and avoid paying a **\$25 per-day fine** for neglecting to update their child’s immunization records. Media is invited to attend.

The State of Wisconsin Immunization Law requires the parent/guardian of all public and private school students present to their child’s school **written evidence of immunization against certain diseases**. By law, the Superintendent and Milwaukee Public Schools Board of School Directors have the right to exclude children from school attendance, if these students fail to meet the immunization requirements. Many parents/guardians receiving these final notices have updated their child’s immunization record, but have failed to provide with the child’s school with the proper paperwork. A state-wide database is now available to make such records more easily accessible.

When: Thursday, May 2nd, 2002

Time: 11:00AM-2:00PM

Where: Keenan Health Center
3200 N. 36th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53216
(414) 286-8840

###